COVID-19 and UMF

As of right now, all UMF buildings are closed to the public. But classes are still happening remotely and online. Each plan for each class is unique and different per the professor's discretion. Since classes are still happening remotely, and students are no longer allowed to reside on campus without an extenuating circumstance, it has been announced that the UMaine System will be giving refunds on the adjustment of room and board for the remainder of the semester.

In an effort to minimize the financial impact on students and families, room and board adjustments for those students who have checked out with their Residence/Student Life Office will be posted to students’ accounts based on an effective date of March 13, 2020. To ensure room and board adjustments are processed in a timely manner, students are encouraged to contact their Residence/Student Life Office to complete proper check out. No other action is required to receive a room and board adjustment. The adjustment process should be completed by March 31, 2020. For more information, go to bit.ly/UMFCOVID-19

Along with room and board adjustments, the UMaine System has also adjusted the grading system for the Spring 2020 semester. Students now have 3 options for how their classes are graded this semester:
1) This is the default option and there is no action required on your part. Letter grades will be assigned, A through C-. If you should receive a grade of D+, D, or D-, an LP will be assigned. An LP will not be calculated in your GPA. If you should receive an F, that also will not be calculated in your GPA. The option to change all grades to pass/fail is available until May 31.

2) Complete the Request for Pass/Fail Grading (link below). You may choose to have one, some, or all of your courses graded as Pass/Fail – the grades that will be awarded are P (pass: C- or higher), LP (low-pass: D+, D, D-), and F (fail). The P, LP, and F grades are not calculated into your GPA. Once you select a pass/fail option, the decision is final – you cannot change it back to letter grade.

3) You may wait until your final grades are assigned and then choose the pass/fail option as outlined in #2 above. The deadline for choosing the pass/fail option is May 31. Once you elect a pass/fail option, the decision is final. Here is the link to the Request for Pass/Fail Grading: https://forms.gle/opNKBMDi3MjJEAUUcA
How to get a Summer Job

There are many opportunities to find summer work for UMF Students. Here are a few tips on summer employment!

1. One tip is to begin the search before you need to begin the job. These things take time, and starting the job search before summer begins typically leads to the best results.

2. Students can email the career counselors to connect with an opportunity to discuss and meet over zoom to look into potential employment opportunities.

3. Another thing to examine when looking for summer work is your goals: Are you primarily hoping to make a lot of money? To gain work that will help you post-college? To serve your community in a specific capacity? While these things don’t need to be mutually exclusive, knowing what your goals are with summer employment can help you select a job or internship opportunity that will best meet your needs.

4. My best advice for a student looking for summer work is to do something - any experience in employment will help you develop your skills as a professional and teach you more about what you value in the workplace. This knowledge will be very helpful as you transition from college to career.

UMF Counseling Services

In order to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 and other illnesses, counselors are not currently seeing students in person.

Good news, though: we are now able to offer “Telemental Health” through HIPAA secured Zoom to our students.

To schedule with a counselor, you can either email them directly or call 778-7034 and leave a message for someone to get back to you. For more information about our counselors, visit http://www2.umf.maine.edu/counseling/.

Students who have returned home are encouraged to seek counseling support in their respective area.

Internet Connectivity in ME

If your student is having trouble with internet connectivity at home, no matter what it is, places around Maine are offering Internet Hotspots. The University of Maine System’s NetworkMaine is enabling “Guest” Wi-Fi networks for 140 local schools, creating parking lot-based hotspots to facilitate online learning for students without reliable internet access at home.

Check the map for access near you. bit.ly/MaineStudyFromCar